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Applicant: Debra Gayle REECE
Title: SYSTEM METHOD AND COMPUTER
PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR DEFINING
ROLES/RESPONSIBILITIES IN A SUPPLY
CHAIN MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 24, 2004, Applicant hereby elects Group II (Claims 8-14), drawn to a system for allocating responsibilities in a supply chain for prosecution in the subject application in order to advance the prosecution of this application.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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